

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1(original). A multipurpose hand tool, comprising:

(a) a handle having an end portion defining a tool bit drive socket having a wall and an outward opening and an oppositely located inner end, said wall defining an opening therethrough communicating with an interior of said tool bit drive socket;

(b) a threaded adjustment screw bore extending from said inner end of said tool bit drive socket axially with respect to said handle;

(c) an adjustment screw extending through said tool bit socket and engaged matingly and removably in said threaded bore; and

(d) a retention spring carried on said handle and extending into said interior of said tool bit drive socket and into contact against said adjustment screw within said tool bit drive socket.

2(original). The multipurpose hand tool of claim 1 wherein said handle includes a first handle member and an adjustment block attached to said first handle member and defining said tool bit drive socket and said threaded adjustment screw bore, said spring including a base portion located between said adjustment block and said first handle member.

3(original). A multipurpose hand tool, comprising:

(a) a handle having an end portion defining a tool bit drive socket having a wall and an outward opening and an oppositely located inner end, said wall defining an opening therethrough communicating with an interior of said tool bit drive socket;

(b) a threaded adjustment screw bore extending from said inner end of said tool bit drive socket axially with respect to said handle;

(c) a tool bit having a shank located in said tool bit drive socket; and

(d) a retention spring carried on said handle and extending into said interior of said tool bit drive socket and into contact against said shank, so as to retain said shank in said socket.

4(original). A multipurpose hand tool, comprising:

(a) a handle including an element defining a tool bit drive socket having a wall and defining an open outer end, whereby said socket can receive and drivingly engage a shank of a tool bit, said socket having an inner end located opposite said outer end; and

(b) a threaded bore extending into said element from said inner end and accessible through said outer end of said socket.

5(original). The multipurpose hand tool of claim 4, including a retention spring attached to said handle, said wall of said tool bit drive socket defining an opening therethrough into an interior of said tool bit drive socket, and a part of said spring extending through said opening into said interior of said tool bit drive socket.

6(previously presented). A multipurpose hand tool, comprising:

(a) a pair of handles, at least one of said handles having an end portion defining a tool bit drive socket having a wall and an outward opening and an oppositely located inner end, said wall defining an opening therethrough communicating with an interior of said tool bit drive socket;

(b) a threaded adjustment screw bore extending from said inner end of said tool bit drive socket axially with respect to said at least one of said handles;

(c) an adjustment screw extending through said tool bit socket and engaged matingly and removably in said threaded bore; and

(d) a retention spring carried on said at least one of said handles and extending into said interior of said tool bit drive socket and into contact against said adjustment screw within said tool bit drive socket.

7(currently amended). The multipurpose hand tool of claim 4 6 wherein said at least one of said handles includes a first handle member and an adjustment block attached to said first handle member and defining said tool bit drive socket and said threaded adjustment screw bore, said spring including a base portion located between said adjustment block and said first handle member.

8(previously presented). A multipurpose tool, comprising:

(a) a pair of handles, at least one of said handles having an end portion defining a tool bit drive socket having a wall and an outward opening and an oppositely located inner end, said wall defining an opening therethrough communicating with an interior of said tool bit drive socket;

(b) a threaded adjustment screw bore extending from said inner end of said tool bit drive socket axially with respect to said at least one of said handles;

(c) a tool bit having a shank located in said tool bit socket; and

(d) a retention spring carried on said at least one of said handles and extending into said interior of said tool bit drive socket and into contact against said shank, so as to retain said shank in said socket.

9(previously presented). A multipurpose hand tool, comprising:

(a) a pair of handles, at least one of said handles including an element defining a tool bit drive socket having a wall and defining an open outer end, whereby said socket can receive and drivingly engage a shank of a tool bit, said socket having an inner end located opposite said outer end; and

(b) a threaded bore extending into said element from said inner end and accessible through said outer end of said socket.

10(currently amended). The multipurpose hand tool of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 9, including a retention spring attached to said at least one of said handles, said wall of said tool bit drive socket defining an opening therethrough into an interior of said tool bit drive socket, and a part of said spring extending through said opening into said interior of said tool bit drive socket.

11(previously presented). A subassembly for a multipurpose hand tool, said subassembly comprising:

(a) a handle having an end portion defining a tool bit drive socket having a wall and an outward opening and an oppositely located inner end, said wall defining an opening therethrough communicating with an interior of said tool bit drive socket;

(b) a threaded adjustment screw bore extending from said inner end of said tool bit drive socket axially with respect to said handle;

(c) an adjustment screw extending through said tool bit socket and engaged matingly and removably in said threaded bore; and

(d) a retention spring carried on said handle and extending into said interior of said tool bit drive socket and into contact against said adjustment screw within said tool bit drive socket.

12(previously presented). The subassembly of claim 11 wherein said handle includes a first handle member and an adjustment block attached to said first handle member and defining said tool bit drive socket and said threaded adjustment screw bore, said spring including a base portion located between said adjustment block and said first handle member.

13(previously presented). A subassembly for a multipurpose tool, said subassembly comprising:

(a) a handle having an end portion defining a tool bit drive socket having a wall and an outward opening and an oppositely located inner end, said wall defining an opening therethrough communicating with an interior of said tool bit drive socket;

(b) a threaded adjustment screw bore extending from said inner end of said tool bit drive socket axially with respect to said handle;

(c) a tool bit having a shank located in said tool bit socket; and

(d) a retention spring carried on said handle and extending into said interior of said tool bit drive socket and into contact against said shank, so as to retain said shank in said socket.

14(previously presented). A subassembly for a multipurpose hand tool, said subassembly comprising:

(a) a handle including an element defining a tool bit drive socket having a wall and defining an open outer end, whereby said socket can receive and drivingly engage a shank of a tool bit, said socket having an inner end located opposite said outer end; and

(b) a threaded bore extending into said element from said inner end and accessible through said outer end of said socket.

15(previously presented). The subassembly of claim 14 including a retention spring attached to said handle, said wall of said tool bit drive socket defining an opening therethrough into an interior of said tool bit drive socket, and a part of said spring extending through said opening into said interior of said tool bit drive socket.